

Minutes  
DBAA Board Meeting  
Monday, July 8, 2024

Tom Drinkard called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. The following were in attendance.

Tom Drinkard  
Rich Brody  
Becky Butler  
Candy Cox  
Missy Coy  
Jack Feagin  
Jim Fordham  
Craig Robinson  
Connie Smilowitz  
Garry Williams  
Sue Williams

Also in attendance was Mike Sheldon, who headed up the Hall of Fame committee, and **Judy Fendrick**.

**The June Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved.**

Jack proposed that the DBAA add \$100 to the funds raised for Alzheimer's The Longest Day. Board members agreed unanimously.

The foremost purpose of tonight's meeting was to decide on Hall of Fame inductees for 2024. Tom already emailed a list of the four candidates with each's respective achievements and contributions to bridge. Mike Sheldon went over the procedure and the criteria. The procedure is to allow Board members to ask questions, followed by discussion, about each candidate in turn. Board members could vote for up to four (all) candidates, and a candidate needs 75% the Board's votes (9 yeas) to be elected. The voting is by secret ballot, with each member emailing his vote to Candy Cox, Secretary. The criteria for election are

- 1) Achievements playing in ABCL sanctioned events
- 2) Contributions to the game
- 3) Ethics
- 4) Behavior at the table (not as important as the first three)

The above procedure was followed, Vicki Bell was contacted for her vote, and Larry Gould and Olin Hubert were elected to the Hall of Fame.

Jack reported on Patty's upcoming "Learn Bridge in a Day" class. It is proposed for Tuesday, August 20, 10:00-4:00, at Dan's Club. Dan doesn't have a game that day and is not charging for the use of the space. Patty would like the class to be limited to 48 players. The DBAA will provide food and marketing for the event. Jack proposes a \$25 fee for those participating in the class. He suggested that the next email blast to Atlanta players request that everyone tell interested friends about the class and encourage them to attend and that the DBAA provide members **who get two referrals a free play at the club of their choice**. Jack put all of the above in a motion for the Board, Candy seconded, and the Board agreed unanimously. Jack added that Patty will need volunteers, preferably one for every two tables, but at least one for every three tables. If able, let Patty or Jack know.

Jack reported that planning for the Labor Day Regional is on track. He needs the usual volunteers for registration, etc. Jack has achieved a good deal with the Marriott for the 2025 and 2026 Memorial Day Open Sectional and NLM Regional Tournaments. The room rates for both will be \$99, significantly less than this year's rates; the number of rooms required has been significantly reduced; and the food and beverage requirements will be very manageable. It's a great venue, and the DBAA will be in the black for both events.

As there was no further business, Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Submitted by Candy Cox